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1. [redacted] trains operated and major freight railroad districts on 19 and [redacted]

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Railroad District	Freight Trains		Numbers of Train Delays		
	19	23	19	23	
Berlin	947	904	3	1	25X1
Greifswald	401	412	-	-	
Schwerin	431	438	1	3	
Magdeburg	1,128	1,093	3	6	
Halle	1,604	1,581	14	11	
Erfurt	1,202	1,216	10	14	
Dresden	2,193	2,191	5	3	
Cottbus	907	907	2	1	
Total	8,813	8,742 ¹	38	39 ¹	

2. Erwin Kramer was appointed minister for transport of the GDR. There were no indications that the Ministry of Railroads was to be reorganized into a Ministry for Transport which would also include motor traffic and shipping. The new assignment of the former Minister of Railroads, Roman Chwalek, was unknown. ²

3. On 24 November 1954, it was learned at the Berlin railroad headquarters that new locomotives were to be supplied in the near future. There were indications that these locomotives were being manufactured at the Borsig Works and that production was hampered by a shortage of material such as copper tubes and springs. ³

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4. A central archives is being established within the IX administration of the Ministry of Railroads/KVP. This archives is to keep all strategically important records on communication lines and installations. Information on the railroads and most of the information on motor traffic have been recorded in 1954. Information on waterways will be collected in 1955. A total of 350,000 DME have been allotted for this purpose. A Captain Neuhaus (fnu) is charged with the collection of the material. 4, 6

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1. Comment. Compared to the last reported period, the numbers of operated freight trains and the numbers of major train delays remained about constant.

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2. Comment. The new assignment of Kramer, previously deputy minister of railroads, in connection with the reshuffle of the government after the People's Chamber election was known from press reports.

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The Ministry of Railroads was redesignated Ministry for Transport in accordance with Soviet terminology. The Soviet Ministry for Transport is only in charge of railroad affairs.

3. Comment. This information is believed to refer to the 1955 construction program of the political economy plan which, for the first time, envisages the manufacture of 50 locomotives in 1955.

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4. Comment. The IX Administration of the Ministry of Railroads/KVP is the transportation system. Its chief is Colonel Watzdorf. Captain Neuhaus has been reported assigned to the Ministry of Railroads since fall 1953.

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5. Comment. The Ministry of the Interior (MVD) is meant.
6. Comment: Neuhaus (fnu) is listed as Deputy Chief for Employment of Railroad Tank Cars and Special Purpose Cars in the Ministry of Railroads as of September 1954.

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